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class of student transfer and ignoring other classes of student transfers. I talked to one of the administrators of the NSAA about it, and they indicated they would prefer to undertake that policy question in future discussions in their legislative process. And I understand that, but I also know that there has not been a great deal of interest in dealing with that in the past. The schools that might want to have a level playing field here might be greatly in the minority. And so I will have some concerns about supporting this bill the way it is written, and I don't want to bog the bill down with this issue. But by the same token, before we're done, I do want to spend some time debating whether or not this is a policy decision that should be more broadly applied. And so, you know, Senator Stuhr is aware of my amendment. My amendment only addresses private-public, public-private transfers, but I would also like to discuss public-public transfers within the same school district unless someone can give the rationale for why we should distinguish between those transfers when it comes to participation in extracurricular activities. I think this also, we've been talking about athletics, and athletics are what everybody thinks about, but I assume that this also applies to speech teams, debate. Those are certainly...and I am not sure how a band falls into that, maybe certain areas of band do, perhaps. But I know schools that are absolutely known for their speech and debate teams, and...

SENATOR JANSSEN: One minute.

SPEAKER BROMM: ...if we're going to allow option students to participate in things like that. If a student decides it's a better fit for him or her to go from another school in that district, or from another private school in that district to be a part of that debate team or something, I would have a hard time answering why we put something in statute that would make the two different rules apply to those situations. So, thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body. I did want to discuss with you, and on the blue sheet